Rocket attack in Srinagar

2421. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rocket attack on R-Day Stadium in Srinagar" published in the Indian Express dated 27th January, 1994; and

(b) if so, what stringent measures have been/are being taken to prevent such incidents in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The militants had propelled a rocket towards the Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar on 26 January 1994, which hit a water tank outside the stadium. No loss of life or property was caused due to this attack. The attack did not disrupt the Republic Day functions which passed off peacefully.

The security arrangements are being continuously reviewed and action for strenghtening streamling the same being taken on a regular basis.

Renaming of Andamana and Nicobar Islands

2422. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had re-christened the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as 'Sahid and Swaraj Dweeps";

(b) if so, whether Government are now contemplating to act accordingly and rename these Islands as per Netaji's wishes; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

ISI activities through Nepal border

2423. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether high level officials of his ministry have recently visited the check-posts alone the Indo-Nepal Border;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan's ISI had made Nepal a base for some of its operations in India; and

(c) if so, whether the security measures have been tightened and intelligence services deployed to counter ISI services on Indo-Nepal border and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India has sensitised the Government of Nepal on the issue. Attempts have been made for better cooperation and exchange of information with the Government of Nepal.

Special Committee for North-East States

2424. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any special committee to prevent North-East States of the country from militancy;

(b) if so, what are the details of the committee stating the names of the States to be undertaken by the committee; and

(c) what would be the functioning style of the committee and whether any time limit has been fixed to submit the report by the committee stating the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government according to the suggestions of the said committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a forum known as North East Regional Security Coordination Conference exists in which Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of North Eastern States and Senior Officers of the Central Security Organisations, under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, participate and review the obtaining security scenario in the North Eastern region.

Rape cases in Delhi

2425. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of rape in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during 1993-94 so far; how many of them were committed on minors and how many on custodial women and girls including those in remand-homes and under trials in jail;

(b) the comparative figures for 1992-93 and 1991-92; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are being taken to prevent such crimes against women in general and minor in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The number of cases of rape registered during the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 (upto 31-1-1994) and those committed on minors are as under:—

Year	Total rape cases registered	No. of rape cases committed on minor
1991	224	119
1992	284	165
1993	306	175
1994 (upto 31-1-94)	16	10

However, no case of rape has been reported to have been committed on custodial women and girls including those in remand homes and under trials in jail during the aforesaid period.

(c) The steps taken by Government to curb such crimes are as under:—

(i) Varification of antecedents of servants is undertaken on request.

(ii) Boat/patrolling staff exercise necessary vigilance and extend all possible help to children in distress.

(iii) All investigating officers have been advised to pursue cases of (child) rape on priority.

(iv) For sensitizing policemen special briefing sessions on such crime are included in the training courses for Constables and Sub Inspectors.